

**Connecticut was once known as the constitution state and yet there you sit  
deciding which of our constitutional rights we can keep.**

We have a constitution that guarantees the rights of the people. I owe my allegiance to that constitution. I have come to see that this legislative body and the governor of this state owe their allegiance to themselves, their political parties, and their political careers rather than to the constitution they have sworn to preserve and protect.

Our state constitution which was approved in 1965 contains guarantees meant to keep a rouge Governor or legislature from eliminating the people's rights. Article one section 15 contains the simply worded guarantee that "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state". You should all read it; it is easy enough for any sixth grader to understand.

It is well known that power corrupts and that absolute power corrupts absolutely. We are about to see if this body abides by the constitution or has in fact become a rouge body so corrupt that it is intent on ruling the people they are meant to represent.

The saying "no justice, no peace" is as true today as it was back in the 1960's. You need only to look at the disaster that your failed policies have created in our cities. Now you are extending those failed policies to the rest of the state by stripping a minimum of a quarter million law abiding citizens of their rights.

You can no longer hide behind the weasel words of "common sense laws", "finely crafted legislation", or "reasonable laws". It is not reasonable to strip people of their constitutional rights by the legislation you pass on the strength of lies, created crises, and your disdain of our constitutional rights.

You do not have a carte blanche in these matters; you will not be able to hide behind the abused concepts of sovereign or qualified immunity. Rights belong to the people not to politicians.

Either you do the right thing or history will list you as those who betrayed you're oaths and the constitution.

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